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SUBJ: DEC 19 NAC: FRG STATEMENT ON SPAIN AND ATLANTIC DECLARATION

1. FRG PERMREP (KRAPF) REPORTED TO NAC DEC 19 THAT SPANISH FONMIN LOPEZ RODO HAD DISCUSSED WITH FRG FONMIN SCHEEL ON DEC 4 SPANISH INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN ATLANTIC DECLARATION. LOPEZ RODO TOLD SCHEEL THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD FIRST PROPOSED SPANISH ASSOCIATION WITH ATLANTIC DECLARATION IN CONVERSATIONS WITH LOPEZ ON SEPT 5, AT WHICH TIME THE U.S. HAD GIVEN SPAIN A PAPER. LOPEZ HAD FURTHER DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AT UNGA ON OCT 4. SCHEEL TOLD LOPEZ THAT PROPOSAL TO LINK SPAIN WITH ATLANTIC DECLARATION HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF THE FRG.

2. SPANISH FONMIN TOLD SCHEEL IT APPEARED THAT NATO AND EC HAD CLOSED DOORS ON SPAIN AND WERE PROCEEDING TO DEVELOP DRAFT STATEMENTS OR DECLARATIONS IN WHICH SPAIN WOULD HAVE NO ROLE. SPAIN WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO SIGN DOCUMENTS WORKED OUT WITHOUT ITS PARTICIPATION. LOPEZ HAD ASKED SCHEEL FOR FRG SUPPORT IN ASSO- CIATING SPAIN WITH DECLARATION. FACT THAT SPAIN WAS EXCLUDED
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SEEMED TO CALL INTO QUESTION WESTERN DEFENSE RELATIONSHIPS AND SPANISH ROLE THEREIN THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SPANISH-US DEFENSE AGREEMENT. SPAIN WAS THUS RECONSIDERING QUESTION OF U.S. BASE AGREEMENTS, ABOUT WHICH RENEWAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD SOON

BEGIN.

3. FRG PERMREP SAID SCHEEL HAD REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ADD SIGNATORIES TO PROJECTED DECLARATIONS. MOREOVER, SPANISH ADHERENCE WOULD APPEAR TO RAISE MORE DIFFICULT QUESTION OF SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. SCHEEL HAD INTENDED TO REPORT ON THE SPANISH DEMARCHE AT THE NAC MINISTERIAL, BUT HAD NOT FOUND APPROPRIATE OCCASION.

4. SYG SAID THAT SPANISH AMB HAD RECENTLY RAISED MATTER IN BROADER TERMS WITH HIM STATING SPANISH CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN DEFENSE NEEDS GREATER RECOGNITION.

5. MCAULIFFE (U.S.) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FRG REPORT, AND STATED THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT.

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON QUESTION OF SPANISH ADHERENCE TO NATO AND EC DRAFTS OF ATLANTIC DECLARATION.
MCAULIFFE

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